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PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I move for the advancement of the bill please, as amended.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 752.

CLERK: Read title to LB 752. There are Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I move for the advancement of the Committee amendments. What we did in the Committee was to add \$14,738 because we didn't know exactly how much the tuition ... the arrears tuition would be until we got it in Committee. We found out that's what it would take to implement this bill. This is a deficiency appropriation for '74 - '75 because no one knew how much tuition it was going to take, or how many wards of the court there would be.

I would move for the advancement of the amendment. I'll let Senator Lewis take it from there. It's his bill. I would move for the advancement of the ... approval of the Committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, Senator Stull and others have an interest in this issue. We introduced it on behalf of the State Department of Education.

As you rec.... Alright. Let's move the amendment. I think that's probably the correct procedure. Let's move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Senator Murphy, did you want to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: Only that I would like to offer an amendment. I will do it on Select File in order not to hold it up. The law is very explicit. We established it two or three years ago that the state would pay the cost of the ward of any court. I have eight children in one of my school districts that are the wards of a court. It happens to be an Iowa court. The Department of Education continues to nod and bob and think of reasons why not. I'm going to ask that this Legislature take action and appropriate ... it's a very nominal amount, between \$2,000 and \$2,500. They are wards of a court in the State of Nebraska. The fact that the Education Department continues to fumble it no longer impresses me. I'm going to ask this Legislature to appropriate those funds.